

Featured Patient Story: Bridget's Care from House Call to Hospital

The Blende Dental Group: Home of the House Call Dentists is a unique practice in that it can respond to dental emergencies by providing dental care in the home. A question often arises: what happens if the treatment a patient needs cannot be completed in a patient's home due to the complexity of the treatment or patient safety considerations?

Bridget Butler*, age 57, has a complex medical history that includes 17 daily medications, diabetes, severe pulmonary hypertension requiring home oxygen, and surviving cancer.

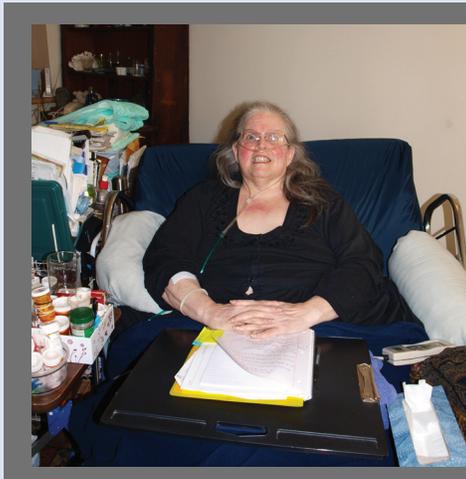
At 320 lbs, she has been bed bound since 2006 due to complications of sciatic nerve damage and hip replacement. Her chief complaint was an abscessed tooth on the lower left. Upon hearing about The Blende Dental Group: Home of the House Call Dentists from a friend who read an article about in the Nob Hill Gazette, Bridget called.

Dr. Erica Haskett made a house call visit to Bridget's apartment, took digital x-rays and photos, and completed a comprehensive examination. Bridget's treatment plan was for full-mouth restoration. Later that week, The Blende Dental Group's Sedation Care

Coordinators, Carla and Nicole, visited Bridget to review the treatment plan, finalize transportation logistics, and schedule a surgery date.

Bridget was transported by ambulance to California Pacific Medical Center (CPMC) in San Francisco, where she was treated by a team of specialists to ensure a stable and esthetic result. A few weeks later, Dr. Haskett cemented Bridget's crowns in the comfort of her home. Bridget's oral health is now being maintained at home by an RDHAP (Registered Dental Hygienist in Alternative Practice).

**name has been changed at patient's request for privacy*



Treatment Plan Summary:

- 14 extractions
- 2 PLM bridges
- 3 single crowns
- 7 composites
- 4 quadrants SC & RP

Clinical Team:

Prosthetics
David Blende, D.D.S.
Erica Haskett, D.D.S.
Oral Surgery
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Flouride added to water in San Jose, 60 years after San Francisco; has greater impact on dental health of elders than on children

Did you know that San Jose will be adding fluoride to its water, about 60 years after San Francisco began doing so? San Jose is currently the largest city in the United States where water is not flouridated. Why has San Jose taken so long to come around? When we asked dentist Dr. Erica Haskett, she explained, "Some believed overexposure of fluoride could lead to health problems." She continues, "However, most health professionals agree that fluoride is a critical step in reducing tooth decay not only in children, but especially in seniors. According to the Department of Public Health, "When you fluoridate the water, childhood tooth decay drops 40 percent and, among the elderly, tooth loss and decay drops 70 percent." All Blende Dental Group dentists and hygienists, as well as most other dental health professionals across the country, recommend that their patients drink tap water, which has flouride, versus bottled water, because they know flouridated tap water is safe for your body and better for your dental health.

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